THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Railways accord provisional clearance to the transportation of international containers containing such dangerous/hazardous/offensive commodities, which have not yet been included in the Red Tariff, subject to observance of norms prescribed in International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code and other terms & conditions.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Extension of Delhi-Ahmedabad Rail lines

†4768. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi-Ahmedabad rail line is proposed to be extended upto Gandhinagar;

(b) whether the budget for the same has also been sanctioned;

(c) if so, the reasons for not starting any work on the project till now; and

(d) by when the said work would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The work of construction of Gandhinagar-Adraj Moti-Kalol is in progress to provide direct connectivity to Gandhinagar from Delhi-Ahmedabad line. This project is targeted for completion during 2005-06. An outlay of Rs. 15 crore has been provided for the project in the budget 2005-06.

Paradip Port Trust

4769. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paradip Port Trust has asked for allotment of additional rakes for transportation of iron ore from the mines to the port;

(b) whether Railways have expressed their inability to agree to the request;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.